

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 753

By Kerr

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Adele Norwood Broady
McKenzie of Maryville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Adele Norwood Broady McKenzie; and

WHEREAS, Adele was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, her community and her family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKenzie worked for *The Daily Times* newspaper in Blount County for approximately 35 years and was previously employed by the *Maryville Enterprise*. She covered a variety of stories and assignments, with a focus on feature stories of historical interest; and

WHEREAS, a veterans advocate of over 40 years, Adele was not one who lived her life on the sidelines. Because of her work in veterans' affairs, she was honored on Veterans' Day, 1997, with a tribute in the Congressional Record; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, she was recognized for her community service by the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Elected Officials and Treasurers by the Blount County Juvenile Court; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Blount County Rescue Squad named her Woman of the Year, the same year then-Governor Ned McWherter named her an honorary colonel; and

WHEREAS, she helped to establish the Old New Providence Cemetery Association and was appointed by the Blount County Commission to the Blount County Bicentennial Task Force to help plan the community's 200th anniversary celebration in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, the legacy Adele leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Adele enjoyed the loving companionship of her late husband, Boyd M. McKenzie, Sr., a Blount County native and a 30-year Navy veteran who was critically injured when his ship, the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown was lost in the Battle of Midway in World War II; was the proud parent of a son, Boyd M. McKenzie, Jr., of Atlanta; a daughter, Melinda M. Bryan of Chattanooga; and grandmother of Amanda Madeline, Boyd M. III, Kenna Rose McKenzie, and Matthew Bryan and Laura Bryan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKenzie was a devoted member of St. John Baptist Church in Alcoa where she served as vice chairman of deacons; and

WHEREAS, to many she was a gracious hostess, loyal friend and hard-working writer; and

WHEREAS, Blount County may never know the magnitude of Adele's accomplishments and the ways in which others have been touched by her graciousness; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Adele Norwood Broady McKenzie, remembering with admiration her exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Adele Norwood Broady McKenzie.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.